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# HALIBUT STILL VERY SCARCE

**Sch. Elsie Here Today Got  
a Good Price for Her  
4000 Pounds.**

This morning's arrivals here were few, three sail of craft being in with fresh fares.

Sch. Elsie, Capt. Thomas Downey from the Cape Shore, had 4000 weight of halibut which brought 15 cents a pound right through, the American Halibut Company being the buyers. Outside of the small fare brought in by Capt. Fred Thompson at Boston, there were no other trips between here and Portland.

Sch. Onato, Capt. J. Henry Larkin, from LeHave bank, arrived with 60,000 pounds fresh fish and 5000 pounds salt cod. Towards noon, the new sch. Russell also put in an appearance here.

Quite a fleet of shipping was reported in the outer harbor, waiting for the storm to lift.

## Today's Arrivals and Receipts.

The arrivals and receipts in detail are:

Sch. Onato, LeHave Bank, 60,000 lbs. fresh fish, 5000 lbs. salt cod.

Sch. Elsie, Cape Shore, 4000 lbs. fresh halibut, 35,000 lbs. fresh, 5000 lbs. salt cod.

Sch. Russell, returned.

## Vessels Sailed.

Sch. Claudia, Georges, handlining.

## TODAY'S FISH MARKET.

### Salt Fish.

Handline Georges codfish, large, \$5 per cwt.; medium, \$4.50; snappers, \$3.

Salt trawl bank cod, large, \$4.50, medium, \$4; snappers, \$3.

Drift codfish, large \$4.75 per cwt.; medium, \$4.25.

Eastern halibut codfish, large \$5.00; medium, \$4.50.

Georges halibut codfish, large, \$5.00; medium, \$5.00.

Flitch halibut, 10c per lb.

Cusk, large, \$2.25; mediums, \$1.75; snappers, \$1.50.

Haddock, \$1.50.

Hake, \$1.75.

Pollock, \$1.50.

Salt mackerel, \$28 per bbl. for large rimmed; \$26 for unrimmed; \$21 for number one fish.

### Fresh Fish.

Splitting prices:

Haddock, \$1 per cwt.

Eastern cod, large, \$2.25; medium, \$2; snappers, 75c.

Western cod, large, \$2.35; medium, \$2.10; snappers, 75c.

All codfish, not gilled, 10c per 100 pounds less than the above.

Hake, \$1.40.

Cusk, large, \$2.00; medium, \$1.70; snappers, 50c.

Dressed pollock 80c; round, 70c.

Fresh shad, \$4 per bbl.  
Fresh herring, \$3 per bbl. for bait; \$1.50 to salt; \$1.60 to freezer.  
Fresh bluebacks, \$3 per bbl. for bait; \$1.75 to freezer.  
Bank halibut, 15c per lb. for white and gray.  
Fresh small mackerel, 6c per lb.

# FRED THOMPSON WENT TO BOSTON

**Famous Fish Killer Has Hake  
Cusk and Halibut on  
Good Market.**

Sch. Gov. Foss, Capt. Fred Thompson, who has been "doing things" this year is at T dock, Boston, this morning, with another of his famous trips, his haul being for 75,000 pounds fresh fish, mostly cusk and 5000 pounds fresh halibut and 5000 weight salt cod besides.

Capt. Thompson fished on LeHave and had the very finest of weather out. For 20 days it was nearly a calm, the fisherman drifting less than 20 miles in that time.

Other fares in include three steam trawlers, the Ripple having the largest trip with 58,000 pounds. Sch. Harriett has 42,000 pounds; sch. Conqueror, 52,000 pounds; A. Platt Andrew, 43,000 pounds.

Wholesalers quoted \$3 per hundred for haddock, \$7 for large cod, \$3 to \$4 for small, \$2 to \$3 for hake, and \$2 for cusk.

## Boston Arrivals.

The arrivals and receipts in detail are:

Str. Crest, 32,000 haddock, 8000 cod.

Str. Ripple, 58,000 haddock.

Sch. Harriett, 30,000 haddock, 9000 cod, 3000 pollock, 500 halibut.

Sch. Gov. Foss, 4000 haddock, 6000 cod, 10,000 hake, 50,000 cusk, 5000 salt cod, 5000 halibut.

Sch. Walter J. Nelson, 11,000 haddock, 8500 cod, 5000 hake.

Sch. Arbitrator, 14,000 haddock, 25,000 cod, 4000 hake.

Sch. Washakie, 1000 haddock, 3000 hake.

Sch. Mettacommet, 12,000 pollock.

Sch. Conqueror, 30,000 haddock, 8000 cod, 12,000 hake.

Sch. Arethusa, 38,000 haddock, 3000 cod, 11,000 hake.

Sch. A. Platt Andrew, 35,000 haddock, 2000 cod, 5000 hake.

Str. Spray, 16,000 haddock, 900 cod.

Str. Billow, 24,000 haddock, 1200 cod.

Sch. Viking, 5000 pollock.

Haddock, \$3 per cwt.; large cod, \$7; market cod, \$3 to \$4; hake, \$2 to \$3; cusk, \$2.

## Week's Landings at T Wharf.

Fresh groundfish landed at Boston for the week ending October 10, totalled 604,020 pounds from 38 arrivals as compared with 2,851,650 pounds from 83 arrivals for the corresponding period of 1912.

# MALLOCH HIT THE MACKEREL

Sch. Alert, Capt. Almon D. Malloch which left here less than two weeks ago for a late seining trip off the Nova Scotia coast, has struck fish, according to a despatch received here yesterday from North Sydney, C. B., which states that the vessel has 210 barrels salt mackerel on board.

## Mackerel Catch and Imports.

The catch of salt mackerel by the fleet to date is 5789 barrels, against 7864 barrels for the corresponding week of last year.

Imports of salt mackerel received at Boston to date total 8873 barrels against 10,567 barrels in 1912.

The catch of fresh mackerel by the fleet to date 43,495 barrels. For the same length of time in 1912 it was 30,964 barrels.

Imports of fresh mackerel landed at Boston this season figure 17,028 barrels. In 1912 for the same length of time, 9025 barrels were imported.

The catch of mackerel for the week ending October 9 was 318 barrels of salt and 1777 barrels fresh. The same week of 1912, 480 barrels of salt and 220 barrels fresh were landed.

## Cod on the Rise.

Cod remains scarce and firm, with the tendency of prices to climb higher as a result of the short catch, says the Fishing Gazette. The tariff changes have not lowered prices any, the demand being more than equal to the supply.

## Fishing Fleet Movements.

Schs. Harmony, Preceptor and W. H. Rider, arrived at Canso Saturday last and cleared.

Sch. Victor, on a mackerel seining trip, arrived at Liverpool Saturday last and cleared.

# ANOTHER BOOST IN FISH PRICES

Fresh and salt fish were given a raise this morning in the sale of the fare of sch. Elsie, which sold to the firm of Henry E. Pinkham Fish Company. Salt cod sold at \$5 a hundred for large and \$4.50 for medium, while fresh cusk was raised to \$2 for large and \$1.70 for medium, and hake to \$1.40.

## Big Turtle Caught.

One hundred and fifty dollars worth of turtle was captured recently by the Sch. Gleaner, Capt. Tapper. It was taken near Fire Island and was sold at auction to a New York dealer. The turtle was a leatherback, weighing 1,000 pounds. Its age was estimated at 90 years. It was eight feet long.

## On the Railways.

Schs. Florida and Maud F. Silva are on Parkhurst's railways.

# FULTON MARKET HAS SKATE TRI

There was little business in the water fish market last week. In many instances ordinarily low-priced fish was scarce and necessarily high price. The smacks made light catches and rain during the greater part of the week kept buyers away from the market.

Bluefish crafts will soon tie up, the fish are now disappearing from their usual summer and fall haunts. The seven trips during the week brought only 16,000 fish, or a total weight of 80,500 pounds, if the five averaged 16,000 pounds each. On Saturday there was only one trip of 1600 fish in the market. On that day the quotation was 7 to 7 1-2 cents per pound.

On Monday there were three trips of 11,400 fish and prices were 7 8 cents per pound.

No more bluefish fares reached the market until Thursday, when the vessels arrived with a total catch of 3050 fish. On that day sales were made at a shilling to 15 cents per pound.

During the week the largest trip of blues was 6300 on Monday, and the smallest 500 on Thursday. Only two vessels had 3000 fish or more, and other five had 2100 or less, mostly as four had less than 1700 fish each.

There was a great scarcity of some kinds of groundfish during the week. On Thursday and Friday steak cod sold at 15 cents per pound, while Wednesday the quotation was a shilling. During the first half of the week steak cod brought 7 to 11 cents. During the latter half of the week there was no market cod to be had. On Saturday until Tuesday fish of a variety 5 to 7 cents per pound.

Haddock was quoted at 8 to 9 cents on Thursday because of the high price of codfish. On Wednesday it brought 5 to 6 cents, while in the first half of the week the price was 1 1-2 cents.

On Thursday the quotation on haddock was 7 to 8 cents per pound against 8 1-2 cents on Friday. Wednesday sales were made at 7 cents, while during the first half of the week the price was 3 1-2 to 7 cents.

Another high priced groundfish, pollock. The bottom figure reached 6 cents on Saturday, while on 8 1-2 cents was the range of prices for the remainder of the week.

Halibut was the really low-priced fish of the week, sales of which whitefish being made at 7 to 8 cents per pound. There was no east halibut in the market.

The trawler Heroine reached the market on Monday with 70,000 pounds of mixed fish, principally haddock and skate. There was 20,000 or more pounds of skate. Had there been a lesser quantity there might have been a call, but with over ten tons disposed of, the fish had to be practically given away.

Although the weather was not so good there was one trip of codfish, 1300



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## HIGH PRICES AT PORTLAND

Steamer Elthier, fisher, connected with the Portland Cold Storage Co., bound for Gloucester to try luck with mackerel fishing, sailed Monday.

Sch. James and Esther arrived Monday from Cape Porpoise to take on new mainsail.

The highest price for halibut since early in the spring was paid Monday for the 11,000 pound fare of the Gloucester fishing schooner Margaret, it being 12 1-2 and 15 cents. The purchaser was Capt. Fred M. Harty, local representative of the New England Fish Company of Boston. There was some lively bidding between Capt. Harty and local fish dealers before he won out.

Monday's arrivals in detail were: Sch. Albert W. Black, 26,000 lbs. mixed fish.

Sch. Lochinvar, 20,000 lbs. mixed fish.

Sch. Hattie L. Trask, 12,000 lbs. salt fish and one halibut (in to bait and ice.)

Sch. James & Esther, to take on new main sail.

### Foreign Salt Mackerel.

Higher prices quoted on the other side have more than offset the removal of the duty on mackerel, says the Fishing Gazette. These higher prices are it is claimed, justified by the starved situation. Norway No. 1s are now quoted at \$35 a barrel and No. 2s at \$24 to \$25, with a corresponding increase on other grades.

The sea-packed mackerel landed in Norway from the North Sea and salted for export to America for the week ending Sept. 20 amounted to 4773 bbls., making a total of 19,696 bbls., against 19,085 bbls. at this time last year.

Dingle, Ireland, Sept. 27.—About 20,000 mackerel landed this week. Of these about 12,000 were cured and the remainder were either canned or sent to fresh markets. Count will be about 400 to a packed barrel.

Liverpool, Sept. 27.—Shipments this week were: To New York, 251 bbls.; to Boston, 604 bbls.; to Montreal, 100 bbls. Total shipments to date: 1912, 1913, autumn, 35,391 bbls.; 1913, spring 4901 bbls.; 1913 autumn, 50 bbls.; 1913 Norway, 100 bbls.

Liverpool, Oct. 4.—Fishing very poor. Shipments this week were as follows: To Boston, 351 bbls.; to all other ports, 1400 bbls. Count of shipments, 350 to 400 to a packed barrel.

### Porto Rico Fish Market.

Codfish.—We hear of sales at Ponce above cargo at \$34 and over. The average wholesale price of small and medium at which we have operated at the three ports did not exceed, however, \$33.50 per cask. The reforms contained in the new United States customs tariff maintain our buyers in an expectant situation and little or nothing is ordered to arrive, which explains the success of recent consignments.

Pollock and haddock—Very little in stock or in transit. We quote \$21.50 per drum, with good demand.—Reported by S. Ramirez & Co.

## GUESSING ON LABRADOR CATCH

"This week has given us ideal weather for fish making," says the "Trade Review" of September 27, "and every hour of sunshine was taken advantage of along the coast, because the bulk of the voyage was caught late, and much of it is still in process of curing. Several schooner cargoes of dry fish have arrived in the city the last few days, and the waterfront is beginning to put on its regular fall appearance. The price is the same as when last quoted, viz., \$6.25 talqual, but we hear of instances where the equivalent of freight has been added, which means about \$6.40 per quintal. Several lots of shore-made Labrador arrived during the week and found a ready sale for \$4.90. This is the price for a pretty good article; lower grades have been sold at a less price. This price was based on the belief that the floaters' catch was much smaller than it now appears to be, and there is a doubt of the price remaining at that figure, if anything like a large amount comes in later. The latest reports from the lower part of the Labrador indicates a much larger catch than was anticipated. Everybody admits that the catch of the stationers on the Labrador coast this season is the shortest for many years, but there is a good deal of speculation, as to its actual size. From a close study of the situation, we are of the opinion that it will reach about one hundred thousand quintals, including the Straits catch. Last year the catch was a comparatively small one but it reached something like one hundred and fifty thousand quintals. It is too early yet to hazard a figure for the size of the floaters' catch."

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### PICKLED WHALE MEAT NOW.

Makes a Hit in San Francisco, and May Lower the H. C. L.

Here is something new for jaded appetites.

The steam whaler Gayhead, which arrived at San Francisco from the far north, brought 10 barrels of pickled and salted whale beef says the New York World.

It is predicted by Capt. Porter of the Gayhead that the meat will become a delicacy.

The officers and men of the whaler said they preferred it to anything they had aboard. Two barrels of it were consumed by them on the way down from the Arctic.

Several barrels have already been ordered by wire for Eastern restaurants.

It was brought to San Francisco as an experiment, but if there is a demand for it for table consumption the Gayhead will be fitted out to return north for a cargo of the meat.—New York World.

## STOCK OF \$81,000 IN TWO YEARS

### Remarkable Achievement of Capt. Fred Thompson in Sch. Gov. Foss—Has Fine Start For Another Big Year.

Sch. Gov. Foss, new two years ago, has proven herself "some stock maker," under command of her hustling skipper, Capt. Fred Thompson, whose phenomenal stocks and quick trips have been a by-word among the fleet of halibut fishermen and haddockers. His stock of \$81,000 in two successive years is a record unsurpassed.

For the year ending July 1, 1913, the total stock of the Gov. Foss was \$40,000, from which each of her crew shared \$860 clear to a man.

With the exception of a brief vacation ashore, when Capt. Lemuel E. Spinney took the craft out for a trip,

Capt. Thompson has been in command, and since July 1, he has made four trips, stocking \$14,000 in round figures, which is a nice little nest egg toward's another big year's stock.

On the trip landed at Boston yesterday, the stock was \$2400 from which each of the crew shared \$56 clear to a man as the result of 17 days' fishing.

The Foss for the two years of her existence, ending July 1, has proven herself an extraordinary money maker, stocking in that time, the enormous amount of \$81,000, all of which shows that Capt. Thompson has well earned his place in the very front rank of crack skippers of the North Atlantic coast.

### Portland Fishing Notes.

The Wautauga was the only schooner of the local fleet to return with fish Tuesday, and she had only 4000 pounds. Others came back Monday upon finding it blowy outside. The Elizabeth Nunan was in Tuesday, with a fare of 15,000, a little better than half of which was taken by F. S. Willard Company.

Sardine, herring continue plentiful. The little gasoline boat Dorothy D. was in Tuesday with 23 barrels which were shipped to New York.

The steamer Elthier, which was reported sailing out of here Monday for Gloucester, to try the mackerel fishing which is said to be good just now, did not leave, having been delayed in starting, with the result she was still tied up at her berth when the storm struck yesterday afternoon.

### The Iceland Catch.

The British Vice-Consul at Reykjavik, Iceland, in his report for last year, says that the catch of codfish last winter was about 25,000,000 fish. Prices now ruling are high. The value of fish and fishery products exported in 1911 (the last year with statistics) was \$977,633 from Reykjavik, and from the whole island \$3,237,293.

### The St. John's Market.

At St. John's, N. F., the wholesale prices for medium cod are a little higher than they have been. The market for large dry cod is rather weak; prices are holding up, but are not very firm.

The retail market last week was much better than for several previous weeks. The supply has been good, with plenty of variety.

## FANCY PRICES UP AT T WHARF

T wharf's supply of fresh fish arriving since yesterday amounts to less than 175,000 pounds, the off shore fleet arriving having generally small fares.

The steam trawler Wave has a small fare of 25,000 weight of haddock. The off shore sailing fleet included schs. Fannie Belle Atwood, Terranova, Benj. A. Smith.

Prices were on the incline, wholesale paying \$4 a hundred weight for haddock, \$8.50 for large cod, \$4.50 to \$5 for market cod, \$2.50 to \$5.25 for hake, \$4 to \$5 for pollock and 2.50 to \$4 for cusk.

### Boston Arrivals.

The arrivals and receipts in detail are:

Sch. Wave, 25,000 haddock.  
Sch. Alice, 20,000 haddock, 3000 cod, 2500 hake.  
Sch. Fannie Belle Atwood, 15,000 haddock, 2100 cod, 5000 hake.  
Sch. Terranova, 30,000 haddock, 1600 cod, 2500 hake.  
Sch. Appomattox, 1000 cod, 8000 pollock.  
Sch. Benj. A. Smith, 20,000 haddock, 4000 cod, 3000 hake, 4000 cusk.  
Sch. Pontiac, 3000 haddock, 6000 cod.  
Sch. Flavilla, 3500 haddock, 4000 cod.  
Haddock, \$3.75 to \$4.50 per cwt.; large cod, \$8.50; market cod, \$4.50 to \$5; pollock, \$4 to \$5; hake, \$2.50 to \$5.25 cusk, \$2.50 to \$4.